

**Forest Land-Buldhana**

**Proposal for permission to carry out  
Forest Geotechnical investigation of the  
Proposed Tunnel for Akola-Khndwa  
Gauge Conversion Project.**

**Government of Maharashtra  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Government Order No.: FLD-2024/CR.141/F-10  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032  
Date:-25.06.2024**

**Reference:-**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur  
Letter No. Desk-17/ Fca S-1/PID-464598/543 Nagpur, Dt.04.06.2024.

**Preamble:-**

The Deputy Chief Engineer, South Central Railway has submitted a proposal to carry out Forest Geotechnical investigation of the Proposed Tunnel for construction of Akola-Khndwa Gauge Conversion Project of 11 Nos. of boreholes in Buldhana District to the State Forest Department. APCCF & Nodal Officer has submitted this proposal to Government of Maharashtra vide letter under referred above.

**Order:-**

In exercise of powers under general approval granted by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, Guidelines-2023 (Chapter-6, Para. 6.1), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to permission to carry out drilling of 11 Nos. boreholes in Buldhana District.

2. The details of Forest Land are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Taluka	Comptt No.	Survey/ Gut No.	Chainage Depth (M)	Bore Holes (mm)	Required Area	
							(in mm)	(in Ha)
1.	Kuwardeo Block	Jalgaon Jamod	625	Un Surveyed	1.TH/670+200-125	75	100.00	0.01
					2.TH/670+450-110	75		
					3.TH/670+700-160	75		
					4.TH/670+950-200	75		
2.	Kuwardeo Block		627	Un Surveyed	5.TH/673+700-180	75	175	0.0175
					6.TH/673+950-145	75		
					7.TH/674+200-140	75		
					8.TH/674+450-90	75		
					9.TH/674+700-100	75		
					10.TH/674+950-120	75		
					11.TH/675+200-50	75		

3.	Kheloan Jamod		453 pt.	96/173	N.A	N.A	0	0
<b>Total Forest Area</b>							<b>275.00</b>	<b>0.0275</b>

**3. This permission is subject to the following conditions-**

- 1) The legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
- 2) Deputy Conservation of Forest shall ensure that the area involved in the project does not form part of any protected area such as National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Tiger Corridor, prior to the commencement of work.
- 3) User Agency shall submit Record of Rights and Maps of proposed forest land, prior to the commencement of work.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur shall submit Recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), MS, Nagpur.
- 5) The Net Present Value, in respect of surveys, involving breaking of forest land, shall be charged and deposited into the account of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority on the basis of impact area of a bore hole which is observed to be 0.1 ha per bore hole. Any variation from 0.1 ha area per borehole shall be informed by the user agency at the time of submission of the proposal, if applicable.
- 6) Construction of temporary dwelling/hutments etc., for labourers will not be allowed in the forest areas.
- 7) Adequate precautions shall be taken to safeguard and adjoining area from explosives and it shall not be stored in the forest area.
- 8) The User Agency will not dump the overburden on the forest land.
- 9) The User Agency should clearly understand that this permission is being granted only for 11 boreholes over 0.0275 ha. forest area for Forest Geotechnical investigation.
- 10) The User Agency shall be allowed exploratory drilling of a maximum of 11 bore holes of 3" diameter over 0.0275 ha. forest land.
- 11) The said permission shall remain admissible up to the prescribed period specified under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- 12) Adequate precautions shall be taken to safeguard the adjoining areas from explosives and it shall not be stored in the forest area.
- 13) The UA should clearly understand that this permission is being granted only for carry of drilling of 11 boreholes over 0.0275 ha.
- 14) The permission for drilling in the area do not confer any right to the user agency to claim forest land diversion in future for ancillary activities related to the project under section 2(ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. All such cases will be dealt on merits.
- 15) User agency shall seek permission of DCF/DFO of concern Forest Division before entering into the forest area.

- 16) User agency shall not sublease the drilling work.
- 17) A bore-hole shall be dug with prior permission of the DCF/DFO.
- 18) Proper plugging of boreholes shall be made after drilling activities are complete.
- 19) User agency shall report the progress of drilling work to the DCF/DFO, and also furnish detailed report thereof on completion of the project.
- 20) No tree felling shall be undertaken for drilling activities. Project activities shall be restricted to clearing of bushes and lopping of tree branches if any for the purpose of site preparation.
- 21) Adequate measures shall be taken by the user agency to ensure that drilling activities do not harm the wildlife in the area. Any damage done in this context, shall be compensated by the user agency as per assessment by the local DCF/DFO.
- 22) The user agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora and fauna in the surrounding. Any damage done in this regard shall be compensated by the user agency from the project cost as per assessment of the local DCF/DFO.
- 23) DCF, Buldhana may impose any other condition for protection and conservation of the flora and fauna in the forest area.
- 24) In case, rights over forest land proposed to be used for drilling purpose, has already been settled in favour of eligible claimants as per provisions of the Forest Rights Act, 2006, the claimants shall either be compensated appropriately or location of borehole be suitably re-located.
- 25) No fire will be kindled inside and in the vicinity of the forest area.
- 26) User Agency shall provide a list of authorized officials/ workers engaged in drilling to the forest department before commencing the work and also provide the Identity Cards/ Documents to each such official/ worker, to be produced when demanded by the forest department.
- 27) The samples collected during the drilling shall be used purely for investigation purposes and shall in no case be used for trade or commerce purpose;
- 28) DCF, Buldhana shall deploy adequate staff to supervise the activities to be undertaken by the user agency to prevent any damage to the flora (especially the fresh regeneration), fauna and also to prevent felling of trees during drilling of holes and movement of equipment;
- 29) After completion of the drilling bore hole shall be completely filled up and the ground restored back to its original position;
- 30) During transportation of Bore Drilling Machine / rigs, no new road/ permanent path in the forest area will be constructed.
- 31) Deputy Conservator of Forests should ensure that all requirements are fulfilled as per the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
- 32) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and guidelines shall be complied with by the user agency.
- 33) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action will be taken accordingly.

4. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website [www.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.maharashtra.gov.in) with reference No. 202406261529414319. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

**(Ganesh Jadhao)**  
**Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra**

**Copy to:-**

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), MS, Nagpur.
3. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur  
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur
6. Collector, Buldhana
7. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Buldhana
8. Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests, Buldhana
9. Deputy Chief Engineer, South Central Railway, Akola Khandwa.
10. Select File-F-10.